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Please call the parish office if you are a new parishioner and would like to register.

St. Thomas Church

6 Green Street
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Office Hours:

M-TH 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Priest's Office Hours:

Tue. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM, Fri. 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 PM Sunday 8:30 AM

Daily Masses

Tuesday 6:30 PM Friday 8:00 AM

This schedule is subject to change. Please consult the weekly bulletin for current schedule.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday, 8:30-9:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday 5:30-6:15 PM Saturday 3:15-3:45 PM

Please consult weekly bulletin.

Baptisms

Please call the parish office to set up Baptism preparation and Baptism date.

Marriages

Call the Pastor nine (9) months in advance of the wedding for preparation meetings.

Sacrament of the Sick & Home Visits

Please call the office if you are unable to attend Mass due to illness.

Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?"
 Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:5-6

WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES

April 8 SAT 8:00 PM - Easter Vigil Mass for the repose of the soul of Helen Pollak requested by Bob and Martha Pollak

April 9 Easter Sunday SUN 8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Joyce Brush requested by Steve and Eileen Haupt

MON NO Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

TUES NO Mass

WED NO Mass at St. Mary's

THU NO Mass

FRI NO Mass

Fr. Calapan is away

April 15 SAT 4:00 PM - Mass for the Parishioners of St. Thomas and St. Mary's Parishes

April 16 SUN 8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Henry Weinstock requested by Ed and Louise Mathews
10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

Ministry Schedule April 15 & 16

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Lectors

Altar Servers

4:00 PM SATURDAY

None

D Dufresne

NONE

8:30 AM SUNDAY

S Adams

J Leasure

NONE

Looking Ahead

The St. Thomas Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Pork Loin Dinner Take Out on Saturday, April 22 with pick-up from 5:00 pm—6:30 pm. The cost for the meal is \$15 and will consist of Pork loin, mashed potatoes, green beans, stuffing, gravy, apple sauce and desert. There will be limited ticket purchase at the door so reserve by calling 802-899-4632 or email office@stthomasvt.com.



.....in loving memory

of the following:

Genevieve Blakey

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Stewardship - April 1/2, 2023

Weekly Budgeted Goal:\$ 2,676.31

Regular Collection:(incl. \$1,048 On-Line Giving)....\$ 3,187.00

Please give online at www.stthomasvt.com/donate or mail your contributions directly to the parish at PO Box 3, Underhill, VT 05490. Thank you for your generosity.



Annual statements have been mailed out. If you did not receive one but feel you should have, please call the office at 802-899-4632

Easter: 50 Day Rejoicing

After Lent's forty days of preparation for Easter, it would be disappointing to celebrate the feast of Easter for only one day. Jesus is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! The Church in her wisdom ensures that we celebrate the resurrection longer than we do Lent. The Paschal Mystery, Christ's passion, death, and resurrection is central to our faith. Jesus conquered sin and death and reopened the gates of heaven, which were closed due to the original sin of Adam and Eve. Through His victory over death and our rebirth in baptism we share in everlasting life.

While the Resurrection is the core celebrated in our faith every day, we particularly exult and rejoice during the Octave of Easter and the Easter season. "The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated as one feast day, sometimes called 'the great Sunday.'" "The fifty days of Easter exclude fasts, since it is in anticipation of the banquet that awaits us on high." But fifty days of rejoicing is a long period of time to sustain joy.

We turn to how the Church celebrates this Easter season. The priest wears white or gold vestments all through the season. Throughout the Easter season the Paschal or Easter candle, which is an image of the Risen Christ, remains near the altar and is lit at every Mass. Then the Easter season has several "divisions": Easter Sunday, Easter Octave, Divine Mercy Sunday, Solemnity of the Ascension, and preparation for Pentecost.

The first eight days during the Easter season are called the Octave of Easter. During this time the Church considers every day another Easter, with the focus on the newly baptized, celebrating the liturgy of Easter Sunday until the Second Sunday of Easter. There are some differences in the Mass found only during the Octave. The Octave closes on the second Sunday of Easter, the Feast of Divine Mercy.

The most obvious way to celebrate the Easter season is to attend extra Masses during the week and receive our glorified Christ in Holy Communion. By following the New Testament and the daily readings from the Mass we can really enter the heart of the Easter message. There are different Resurrection accounts and appearances of Christ we can meditate upon throughout the Easter season: the women meeting the angel at the tomb; Mary Magdalene meeting Jesus in the garden; John and Peter rushing to the tomb; Jesus appearing to the Apostles in the Upper Room, both without and with St. Thomas; Jesus on the shore; and of course, the disciples recognizing Jesus at Emmaus. During the entire Easter season the first reading is always taken from the Acts of the Apostles. The Acts is so action-packed and interesting that it is perfect to read aloud to children. The Apostles and disciples of Jesus radiate pure Easter joy, something we should emulate: Christ is risen, the gates of heaven are opened and we now may share eternal life with Him!

PARISH EVENTS

Monday	4/10	9:00 AM - Bone Builders
Tuesday	4/11	5:30 PM - Confessions 7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wednesday	4/12	9:00 AM - Bone Builders
Thursday	4/13	9:30 AM - Social Concerns 6:30 PM - Food Shelf set up at GSLC
Friday	4/14	9:00 AM - Bone Builders
Saturday	4/15	9:30 AM - Food Shelf distribution at GSLC 3:15 PM - Confessions



Religious Education 2022-23:

Please keep in your prayers all of St. Thomas' First Communicants and Confirmation candidates.

First Communicants: Luke Hardy, James Keener, and Jaxon Mannings

Confirmation candidates: Lauren Potvin, and Declan Sheldon

RCIA: St. Thomas and St. Mary's are blessed by God to have two youths who joined the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil this year. Please keep them in your prayers: Michael Harris and Mallory Rogers.

Make faith formation a lifelong effort .

Faith formation should not end at Confirmation

Spring Cleaning?

The annual St. Thomas Yard Sale will be in June again this year so please gather your clean, serviceable, and quality treasures for the sale. Starting after Easter, we'll be having specific Donation Days like last year. Please watch the bulletin for dates and times. Thanks in advance for your donations!

Knights of Columbus Scholarship Available

Three \$500 scholarships are available from the Knights of Columbus Bishop Rice Council and Assembly affiliated with local Parishes. To be eligible to compete for one of these Scholarships applicants must graduate from High School during 2023 and attend an accredited postsecondary college or institution commencing in the Fall of 2023. In addition, the applicant must either be a member of one of the parishes in the Bishop Rice Council and Assembly, or be the child or grandchild of a member of the Knights of Columbus Bishop Rice Council or Bishop Rice Assembly. Contact the council scholarship chairman, Scott Turnbull, for additional details regarding the scholarships at turnbull_vt@comcast.net or 802-879-5231.

Jim Farrington Fund

Donations can still be made to the Jim Farrington fund to benefit local families from our parish in need. If you would like to make a donation to this fund, or for a specific family please just note Jim Farrington on your check and put it in the regular collection. Thank you.

SANCTUARY CANDLE



If you would like to dedicate the tabernacle vigil candle in memory of a loved one or for a special intention, please call the parish office at 802-899-4632. The suggested donation is \$10 for a one-week period.

Rental Needed

Parishioner Donna Kunkel is returning this summer for the period around June-October. Her primary residence for the last 43 years was in Jericho. She desires to rent in a quiet area on the main floor, a small house, condo, or mother in-law apartment furnished with the basics with a separate entrance; or to house sit in Jericho, Essex, Essex Jct., Underhill or a nearby area. She doesn't smoke, drink or have pets. References are available. If you, or friends, know of a rental, please contact Donna's email: Donnakunkel54@gmail.com

FORMED

The Last Days

The Last Days: The Passion and Death of Jesus the Christ is a Passion Play adapted from the Gospels. Produced by G.K. Chesterton Entertainment Starring Actors/Producers/Directors Jonathan Roumie (The Chosen) and Maria Vargo (Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy), along with a devoted cast of 19 others. This filmed presentation of the theatrical production movingly recreates the final moments of Jesus' earthly ministry as a teacher through His crucifixion and death. The play has been seen by thousands worldwide, not only as a live performance but also in live streams and televised broadcasts. Scan this QR code to watch.



Readings For the Week



April 10

Acts 2:14, 22-33
Mt 28:8-15

April 11

Acts 2:36-41
Jn 20:11-18

April 12

Acts 3:1-10
Lk 24:13-35

April 13

Acts 3:11-26
Lk 24:35-48

April 14

Acts 4:1-12
Jn 21:1-14

April 15

Acts 4:13-21
Mk 16:9-15

April 16

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 2:42-47
Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24
1 Pt 1:3-9
Jn 20:19-31



If you would like to add or remove someone from this list, please call the office at 802-899-4632

WE PRAY FOR

SICK: For all our sick: Riley McLaughlin, Lynn McLaughlin, Jen DiNardo, David Claghorn, Ed Keeler, Sr. Elaine Lattanzi, Kathryn Clark, Joann Bibb, Tonia Barbin, Abby Wintersteen, Jack Russ, Lawrence Lecours, Deacon Gerry Scilla, Patricia Stone, Amy Gratton, Diane Dufresne, Audra Goss, Alex Wintersteen, Dorothy Reny, Maureen Mayes, John Lehouiller, Joseph Tijan, Meghan Diana, Diann Bean, Jean Danaher, Jay Tisbert, Curtis Stuhr, Jerry Reny, Charles Mannings, Janine Fleri, Bob Keeler, Will Esmay, Amy Burdine, Rick & Deb Wilhelm, Will Esmay and all those preparing for or recovering from surgery.

DECEASED: For all who have died, especially Brian McLaughlin, and all deceased members of St. Thomas & St. Mary's Parishes.

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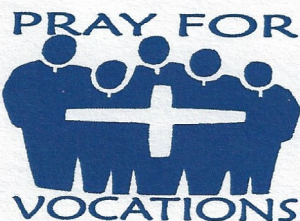
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Knights of Columbus
Council No. 7810**

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For prayers answered
Most holy Apostle St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered the beloved Master into the hands of His enemies has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the Church honors and invokes you universally as the patron of hopeless cases, of things despaired of. Pray for me who am so miserable; make use, I implore you, of this particular privilege accorded to you, to bring visible and speedy help, where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need, that I may receive the consolations and succor of Heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, particularly (here make your request), and that I may bless God with you and all the elect forever. I promise you, O blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, and I will never cease to honor you as my special and powerful patron and to do all in my power to encourage devotion to you. Amen.
To be prayed 8 consecutive days

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**RCIA = Rite of Christian
Initiation of Adults**
Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or interested in learning more about Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church? RCIA is the process by which adults are received into the church and receive the sacraments.

Adult Confirmation

Are you an adult who has not yet received the sacrament of Confirmation or First Holy Communion? Did you know that to be a god-parent for baptism, you are required to have received the sacrament of Confirmation? Please contact Laura Lynch Wells 802-899-4770 or rel.ed@stthomasvt.com



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